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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-HQ-2013-007430

Dear CJ Ciaramella:

On July 5, 2013, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "Agency") received a complaint and a request for a temporary restraining order regarding the information you requested in the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request. In deference to the court who now has before it an Administrative Procedure Act challenge to the release of such information, the Agency is providing you with an interim response to your FOIA request by notifying you that the Agency will defer its response to your request until the merits of the complaint are decided by the court. Throughout the litigation, the EPA will continue to provide you with periodic updates on the status of your request. Once this litigation is resolved, the Agency will promptly respond to your FOIA request and provide you with your final administrative appeal rights.

As stated earlier, this letter is an interim response to your FOIA request and you do not have to appeal at this time. However, if you feel compelled to contest this interim response, you may appeal this response to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), FAX: (202) 566-2147, E-mail: hq.foia@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any questions, please contact Quoc Nguyen at (202) 564-6343.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Sawyers", is written over the typed name.

Andrew Sawyers
Office Director,
Office of Wastewater Management